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Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

Attachment(s)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)

6) Other:

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s).

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In this claim, the specifications of a Parlay Group was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art as to what it pertains.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in-
- (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
- (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of

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this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

4. Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miner et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,047,053 (hereinafter Miner).

Regarding claim 1, Miner discloses a method for establishing a communication connection between a person seeking communication and a communication partner to whom a personal communication is allocated, the method comprising the steps of address the personal communication address of the communication partner; allocating an individual identification code of at least one communication terminal to the personal communication address depending upon time; reading out a schedule store of the communication partner information about which individual identification code is allocated to the personal communication address of the communication partner at the time and establishing the communication connection to the at least one communication terminal having the individual identification code (columns 32-38).

Regarding claims 2-7, 10 and 11, see columns 35 and 36.
Regarding claim 9, see Figures 1-5.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miner in view of the Publication "Parlay APIs 2.1 Connectivity Manager Class Diagrams" of June 26 2000 (hereinafter Parlay).

Regarding claim 8, Miner does not disclose a method wherein the computer and the communications network are connected via an interface operated in accordance with specifications of a Parlay Group. However Parlay discloses this method (see pages 4-15). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Miner with the method taught by Parlay. This modification allows for interfaces that are network independent and extensible as suggested by Parlay (page 4).

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olisa Anwah whose telephone number is 703-305-4814. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8.30 AM to 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on 703-305-4895. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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June 17, 2003

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